

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/532,737

Examiner

Benny Lee

Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 6 April 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher Brody on 30 May 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 3 of the substitute specification, the first full paragraph therein has been rewritten as follows: -- In US 5,099,214, it has been suggested that to space a slab off of a wall by a distance [[x]] that may be such that the slab is centered along [[distance n, n designating]] the waveguide width.-- At page 10, second full paragraph therein, second line therein, --15-- has been inserted after "silicon body"; 3rd & 7th lines therein, --(FIG. 3)-- has been inserted after "waveguide 10" & "surface 21", respectively.

In the Claims:

In claims 3, 4, line 2 of each claim, "wherein at least the surface" has been rephrased as -- wherein the at least part of the outside surface--.

In claim 5, line 2, --the-- has been inserted after "wherein" & --outside-- has been inserted prior to "surface"; line 3, "wavelength" has been changed to --waveguide--.

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In claim 7, line 9, & claims 9, 10, 11, 12, line 2 of each claim, --at least one-- has been inserted prior to each occurrence of "mode".

In claim 11, line 2, --the part of-- has been inserted prior to "a field intensity".

Comments:

The substitute specification filed 6 April 2007 has been entered.

Claims 1-6, 14-16; 7-13 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Benny Lee at telephone number (571) 272-1764.

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